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31 October 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 31 October 1979

The Director chaired the meeting. [REDACTED]

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Clarke called attention to a press release by Vance that the Soviets are taking steps to reduce U.S. concerns re Cuba. Clarke said the specific steps are unclear but noted intelligence reporting earlier this week indicates the Soviet Brigade is becoming less visible outside of garrison and, for three successive weeks [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Clarke went on to note the Soviet worldwide semiannual troop rotation exercise likely includes troops in Cuba. The Director advised Hetu to respond to queries addressed to the Agency on this in a "deadpan" way since we do not yet know exactly where Secretary Vance drew his information from. Clarke noted that we are prepared to brief Oversight Committees if needed on what information we have. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Hetu asked if we should be conservative with the media in responding to questions on Charters. Mr. Carlucci, noting a current item in US News & World Report on Charters, said that we should not be holding back and said Hetu should advise USN&WR that their item on Charters is off course. The Director said our position should be stated clearly that we are strongly in favor of Charters and hope for quick passage in Congress, assuming that Charter Legislation is meaningful and in accordance with the Administration's proposal. A brief discussion followed on the status of Charters Legislation. [ ]

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Hitz said this morning's session with the HAC Subcommittee on Defense on Soviet/Cuban activities in Central and South America went well. [ ]

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The Director said he has talked with [ ] re the HPSCI contract with [ ], to conduct an audit of the IC Staff. Discussion which followed centered on potentials for postponing or offering alternatives to this audit. Hitz noted, for example, any request for postponement would likely be refused because the Committee would like results of the audit before review of the 1981 budget. It was agreed, however, that it would be appropriate for the Director to raise objections to such an audit; for one thing, the Terms of Reference for the audit have not been made clear. McMahon highlighted dangers that could result in general intelligence activities as a result of such an audit. Relatedly, the Director recalled his opinion of poor performance by [ ] Inc., in a management review contract two years ago with NFAC. Concern was also raised re [ ] (former IC Staffer--now with Northrup Aircraft) offer to HPSCI to serve as a consultant. [ ]

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[ ] advised that IOB Staffer Kujovich has requested briefings on special intelligence activities be arranged for Tom Farmer. The Director noted this was already done in the recent past and involved himself and Dr. Brzezinski on one occasion and John Stein on another. The Director noted there is nothing to add and advised [ ] to inform Kujovich that, if such a briefing is necessary, it would be provided to the entire Board without staffers. [ ]

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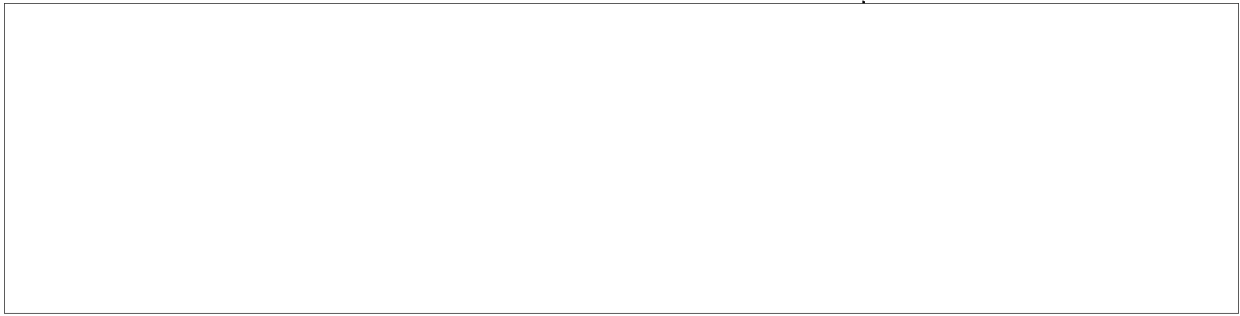
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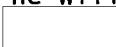
May said a report has been received from the Director, FBI that one of his agents received an anonymous phone call that some Ohio State students were overheard discussing a plan to "knock off" Agency recruiters when they visit that campus on 26 November. May said local police have been advised. [ ]

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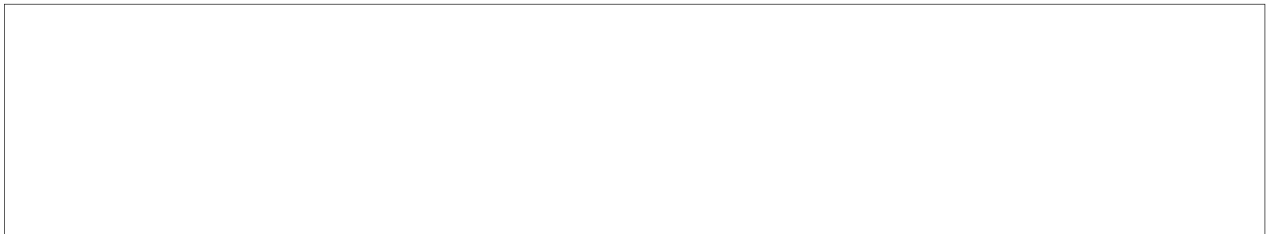
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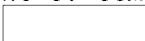


The Director said he will be visiting FTD (Dayton, Ohio) next week and solicited questions that he could take with him; the Director said he will then travel to Cleveland for an informal meeting with businessmen. 

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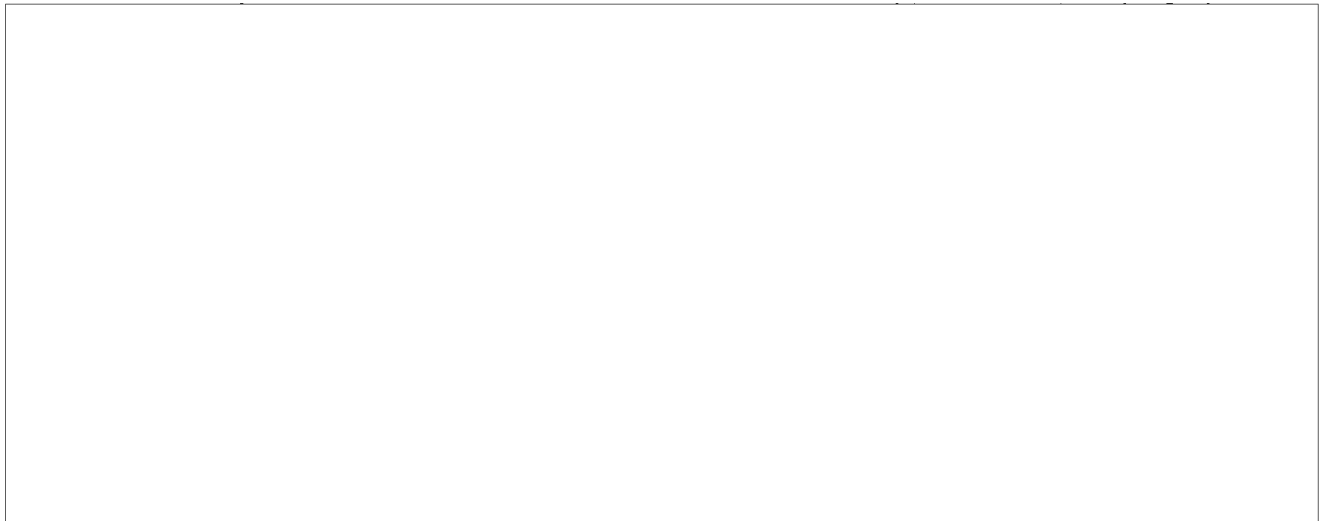
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The Director announced the Department of Commerce briefing for businessmen scheduled for Friday has been postponed. 

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